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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No.

(*c*). It is difficult to say how many persons applied for such nomination, as many people applied orally or in person and there is no record of their names.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if the Chairman did not send any other names besides that of Mr. Venugopal Pillai? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No name was submitted by anybody."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Utilization of temple properties for technological studies.

* 1702 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the First Provincial Self-Respect Conference held at Chingleput communicated to Government resolutions to the effect that the income and properties of the existing temples and mutts should be utilized for the promotion of technological studies, vocational education and industrial research, that not a single pie or single pie's worth of material should be used in the cause of worship in the temple, that no priest or intermediary between the worshipper and the worshipped should be employed, and that celebrations of festivals in temples ought to be immediately put a stop to ;

(*b*) whether the Government intend to introduce an amending Bill to the Madras Religious Endowments Act on those lines ; and

(*c*) what action the Government intend to take on those resolutions ?

A.—No such resolutions have been received.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. the Chief Minister opened the Self-Respect Conference ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I did. "

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether he is aware of this resolution being passed ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am aware of the resolution because I read of it in the papers."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" With reference to answer (*c*), may I know whether it is not as a result of the passing of the resolution by the Self-Respect Conference, the hon. Minister has thought, *suo motu* of introducing any such amendment to the Act ? "

The hon. Dr. P SUBBARAYAN :—" Not that I am aware of."

Town-planning

Town-planning schemes started by municipalities.

*1703 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my question No. 848 answered on 29th November 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased (i) to place before the House a statement showing the several town-planning and improvement schemes started on the initiative of municipalities under section 8 of Town-Planning Act or under the direction of Government under section 12 of the same Act and (ii) to state—

(*a*) in what manner owners have been consulted under section 11 in the case of municipal schemes under section 8; and